

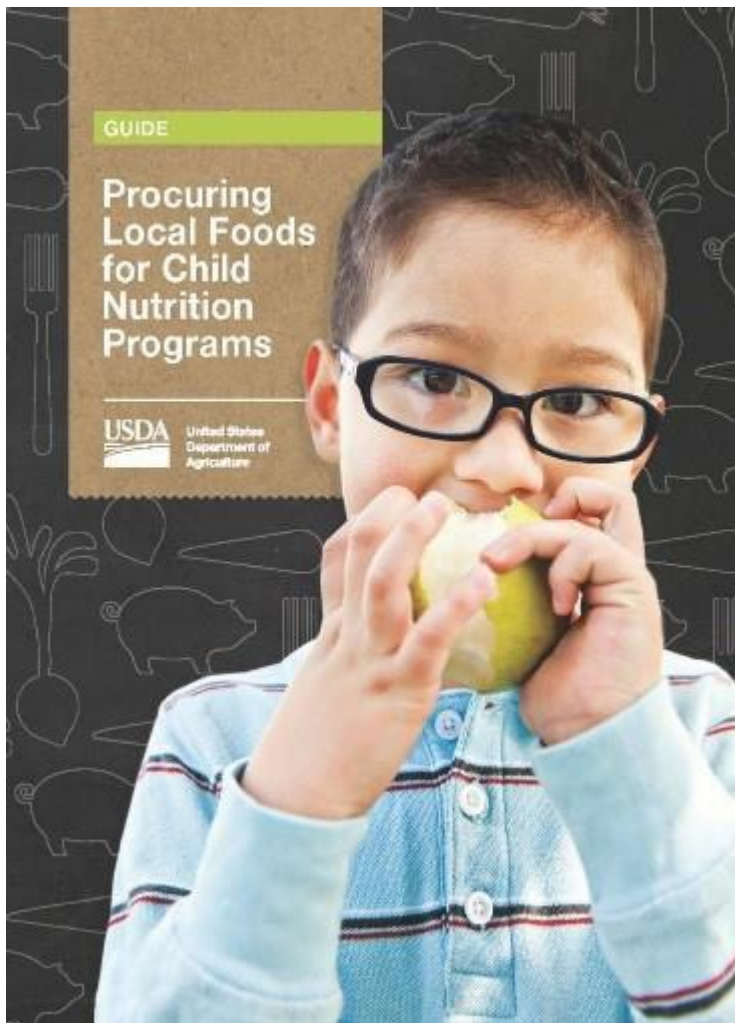
Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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In today's Wisconsin Farm to School newsletter, you will find:

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New Resources

Local Procurement Resources

This year, the farm to school team at USDA has been busy thinking about new ways to make buying local foods easier for schools and working on lots of resources that help explain the process. Now, all of these new materials have been compiled into one central place on the [Food and Nutrition Service website](#).

Wisconsin – Local Policy Model Language Memo

Wisconsin partners recently completed a document with model language for incorporating farm to school into school policy documents beyond the Wellness Policy. Click [here](#) to read the document.



Tools for Schools

[Tools for Schools](#) is a new online toolkit where you can find all of USDA's best resources on school meal topics (e.g., fruits and vegetables, whole grain-rich foods, and reducing sodium) and implementing Smart Snacks. In the toolkit, you will find policy documents, nutrition education materials, Smarter Lunchroom strategies, kid-friendly recipes, and success stories from other schools.

Webinars, Conferences and Events

[Farm to School in Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2015](#)

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

For the last year, National Farm to School Network (NFSN) has been engaging in dialogue with partners and gathering information on how farm to school can be lifted up in the

2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Please join NFSN in a conversation about specific opportunities to support farm to school in CNR2015, and how you can partner in this effort in the coming months.



[Know Your Farmer, Know Your Farm Bill](#) – Conference September 23 – Chicago

We have a new Farm Bill! And there are many opportunities for farmers, food businesses, and nonprofits embedded in it. I'd like to invite you to join representatives from local, state and federal government, business, and not-for-profit organizations at a one day convening on Sept. 23rd in Chicago to learn about the Farm Bill, USDA agencies, programs and grants in your area. **The Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food, Know Your Farm Bill 2014** convening offers farmers, businesses, organizations, government agencies, institutions, and others the unique opportunity to learn more about the resources offered through USDA. **Registration is required** and the cost for the event is **\$22.09** per person which includes lunch and refreshments. Due to limited seating, registration must be completed by COB September 17, 2014. Registration is first come, first served. **There is**

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

The event will take place at the [Union League Club of Chicago](#), 65 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago; from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Networking will be possible throughout the day. Please note: The Club has a business casual dress code. Information can be found [here](#).

Space is limited, so please register right away if you'd like to attend. To register, please use this [link](#).



Save the Date: Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch

October 24, 2014

Schools across the Great Lakes region will simultaneously take a bite of a locally-grown apple in celebration of National Farm to School Month, Food Day, and delicious local food! Stay tuned for more details and promotional resources.

["Evaluation for Transformation": A Cross-Sectoral Evaluation Framework for Farm to School](#)

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

We are delighted to announce that the National Farm to School Network (NFSN) is ready to release "Evaluation for Transformation: A Cross-Sectoral Framework for Farm to School Evaluation!" This webinar provides common language for defining farm to school core and supplemental elements, guidance on program articulation, a comprehensive literature review of farm to school and farm to preschool outcomes, priority outcomes, indicators and measures for the four sectors of public health, community economic development, education, and environmental quality, and evaluation resources and tools. The webinar

will introduce the different components of the framework, and highlight how different users can use it effectively for their unique needs.

Farm to School Funding Opportunities

Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures – Capacity Building Grants

Deadline: September 12, 2014

The purpose of the Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures [Capacity Building Grant](#) is to support:

1) **Community Health Assessments (new or ongoing)**: to better understand the root causes of childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes which will result in strategies and an action plan to address this health issue; **or 2) Community Planning and Capacity Building**: to create a community-driven action plan to address childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes (i.e. host stakeholder convenings, coalition building and collaboration efforts).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize

Deadline September 17, 2014

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is awarded to communities that are working to build a Culture of Health. In 2015, up to 10 winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their accomplishments celebrated and shared broadly to inspire locally-driven change across the nation. RWJF wants to hear how your local leaders and community members are creating solutions that give everyone the opportunity for a healthy life. [More details and how to apply >](#)

[Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities](#)

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Grants of up \$2,500 will be awarded to support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through hands-on learning projects that improve the environment in their schools and communities....

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[CSX SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTING HEALTHY FOOD](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2014

To apply, please download the [CSX Small Grants Program for Transporting Healthy Food Grant Application](#) (PDF), which includes a budget form. A sample budget form can be found at the end of the application for reference. All eligibility requirements and instructions, as well as supplementary information about the program, are available on the application. For questions about the application, download, or alternate file formats, please contact Margarita Carey at mcarey@conservationfund.org.



NCR-SARE Announces 2015 Call for Research and Education Preproposals

The 2015 North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Research and Education Grant Program Call for Preproposals is now available

online at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs/Research-and-Education>

NCR-SARE's Research and Education (R&E) program supports sustainable agriculture innovators with competitive research and education grants. Individual grants range from \$10,000 to \$200,000. NCR-SARE expects to fund about seven to ten projects in the twelve-state North Central Region.

NCR-SARE will be accepting online submissions for the Research and Education Grant Program using our online submission system. More information about the online submission system can be found in the call for proposals. The deadline for Research and Education Program preproposals is October 23, 2014.

[Applications Invited for Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards](#)

DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 8, 2014**

Fifty pre-K teachers will be selected to receive grants of \$1,000 in honor of their dedication to providing high-quality child care.

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